

CHAPTER 2 - POLICIES

RULE 2.0 POLICY AGAINST BIAS

It is the policy of the court to provide an environment free of all types of bias, prejudice, any kind of discrimination or unfair practice. All judges, commissioners, referees, court officers and court attaches shall perform their duties in a manner calculated to prevent any such conduct, either by court personnel or by those appearing in court in any capacity. This rule does not preclude legitimate comment or advocacy when race, gender, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or other similar factors are issues in court proceedings.

Any violation of this policy by any judge, commissioner, referee, court officer, or court attaché should be reported directly to the presiding judge, supervising judge, executive officer or court administrator of the court location in which the alleged violation occurred. Any violation of this policy by persons appearing in court should be reported directly to the judicial officer before whom the proceedings were conducted. *(Effective 5/19/98; Amended 7/1/99)*

RULE 2.1 POLICY ON DELAY REDUCTION

It is the policy of the court to manage all cases in accordance with sections 2.1 and 2.3 of the Standards of Judicial Administration, Appendix to the California Rules of Court. Nothing in sections 2.1 and 2.3 shall prevent the court from issuing an exception order based on a specific finding that the interests of justice require a modification of the routine processes as prescribed. However, no procedure or deadline established by these rules or order of the court may be modified, extended or avoided by stipulation or agreement of the parties, except as permitted by section 68616 of the Government Code, unless approved by the court in advance of the date sought to be altered. *(Effective 5/19/98; Amended 7/1/99)*